

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSLISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-37 (Canceled).

Claim 38 (Currently Amended). A method for use in an information processing apparatus for receiving distributed contents and transmitting the contents to a portable reproduction apparatus, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request from a user for the content including content specifying information to a content server;

receiving an encrypted content transmitted from the content server in response to the request from the user for the content;

storing the encrypted content received in the step of receiving;

at a time following storing the encrypted content,
transmitting a request for a content key and a use condition to an administration center when the user wishes to reproduce the stored content;

receiving the content key and the use condition transmitted from the administration center in response to the ~~request~~ requests for the content key and the use condition;

transmitting the encrypted content to the portable reproduction apparatus, for reproduction threreby wherein the portable reproduction apparatus is detachable from the information processing apparatus;

encrypting the content key and the use condition with a session key shared with the portable reproduction apparatus; and transmitting the content key and the use condition encrypted with the session key to the portable reproduction apparatus.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of retrieving information related to contents exhibited by the content server, wherein the step of transmitting the request for the content is performed in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 39, wherein the information related to contents includes one of sample data of the contents and metadata of the contents.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 38, wherein a content ID is added to the content and the use condition includes the content ID corresponding to the content that the reproduction apparatus is authorized to use in accordance with the use condition.

Claim 42 (Cancelled).

Claim 43 (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 38, wherein the content key is encrypted so that an unauthorized apparatus is unable to decrypt, and further comprising the step of decrypting the encrypted content key.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended). An information processing apparatus for receiving distributed contents and transmitting the contents to a portable reproduction apparatus, comprising:

a transceiver for transmitting a request from a user for the content including content specifying information to a content server, for receiving an encrypted content transmitted from the content server in response to the request from the user for the content, for storing the encrypted content for subsequent reproduction by the portable reproduction apparatus, for transmitting a request for a content key and a use condition to an administration center at a time following storing the encrypted content when the user wishes to reproduce the content, for receiving the content key and the use condition transmitted from the administration center in response to the request for the content key and the use condition, and for transmitting the encrypted content to the portable reproduction apparatus, wherein the reproduction apparatus is detachable from the information processing apparatus; and

encrypting means for encrypting the content key and the use condition with a session key shared with the portable reproduction apparatus, wherein the content key and the use condition encrypted with the session key are transmitted by the transceiver to the portable reproduction apparatus.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented). The information processing apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the transceiver further retrieves information related to contents

exhibited by the content server, and the transmission of the request for the content by the transceiver is performed in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented). The information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the information related to contents includes one of sample data of the contents and metadata of the contents.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented). The information processing apparatus according to claim 44, wherein a content ID is added to the content and the use condition includes the content ID corresponding to the content that the reproduction apparatus is authorized to use in accordance with the use condition.

Claim 48 (Cancelled).

Claim 49 (Previously Presented). The information processing apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the content key is encrypted so that an unauthorized apparatus is unable to decrypt.